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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 1130, (B) STATE 98231

SUMMARY: FIRST PHASE OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO BE COMPLETED
APRIL 30 NOT CONDITIONAL ON INTRODUCTION OF LEBANESE ARMY
IN THE SOUTH. UNIFIL WILL UNDERTAKE TO HAVE MORE GENDARMES
DEPLOYED. ASAP. UNIFIL WILL ALSO SEEK TO PREVENT INFILTRATION
OF ARMED PALESTINIANS INTO AREAS VACATED BY IDF. GOI GIVES
ASSURANCE IT WILL ALSO WITHDRAW FROM BORDER AREA WHEN UNIFIL
IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN SECURITY THERE. ARAFAT OPPOSES LAF MOVE-
MENT BUT AGREES TO ADDITIONAL GENDARMES. SIILASVUO WILL VISIT
BEIRUT APRIL 24. ENDSUMMARY

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1. HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM DEBRIEFING SIILASVUO. MAIN
RESULTS WALDHEIM'S TRIP ARE AS REPORTED JERUSALEM 1130 EXCEPT FOR
POSITION OF ARAFAT. SIILASVUO CLEARLY THINKS WALDHEIM GO MORE FROM
GOI THAN HE EXPECTED. ORIGINAL AGREEMENT SPECIFIED MAY 2
TARGET FOR FIRST STAGE OF WITHDRAWAL BUT AFTER SYG'S APPEAL,
ISRAELIS AGREED APRIL 30 WOULD HELP EASE DIFFICULT
SITUATION IN NEW YORK.

2. SIILASVUO BELIEVES IT UNLIKELY ANY LAF UNITS WILL BE GOING SOUTH. AT APRIL 17 MEETING, SARKIS SAID LAF COULD NOT GO TO SOUTH LEBANON BECAUSE IT WOULD BE OUR OF TOUCH WITH BEIRUT AND BE DEPENDENT ON UNIFIL (PRESUMABLY VIA ISRAEL) FOR SUPPLY. SIILASVOU COMMENTED ARAFAT ALSO OPPOSED LAF UNITS IN SOUTH BUT WAS WILLING TO HAVE GENDARMERIE.

3. SIILASVUO SAID HE PLANS TO PRESS FOR ADDITIONAL GENDARMES WHICH MIGHT EVEN WEAR MILITARY UNIFORMS. GOL TOLD UN THERE WERE 350 VILLAGE GENDARMES IN THE SOUTH BUT UN HAD IMPRESSION THEY WERE "OLD AND FEEBLE". SIILASVUO SAYS HE WANTS TRAINED GENDARMES FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WHO CAN GO SOUTH TO WORK WITH UNIFIL IN REESTABLISHING AUTHORITY OF GOL. HE BELIEVES SOMEONE OF COLONEL RANK SHOULD BE SENT WHO COULD SERVE AS SORT OF MILITARY GOVERNOR. PRESENT CAPTAIN WHO HEADS GENDARMERIE IN THE SOUTH WAS NOT SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

4. I MENTIONED SUGGESTION OF UN CIVIL POLICE MIXED WITH LEBANESE POLICE (STATE 98231). SIILASVUO LIKED THE IDEA, SAID HE HAS BEEN THINKING ALONG SIMILAR LINES AND WOULD TRY TO WORK IN THIS DIRECTION. HOWEVER, PRIORITY HAD TO GO TO GETTING ADDITIONAL GENDARMES SENT SOUTH ASAP.

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5. SIILASVUO DID NOT HAVE MEMCON OF SYG'S APRIL 18 MEETING WITH ARAFAT. HE HAD IMPRESSION ARAFAT SAID BOTH SYRIA AND PLO OPPOSED LAF DEPLOYMENT TO THE SOUTH. HE MAINTAINED NO SUCH THING AS A LEBANESE NATIONAL ARMY EXISTED SINCE IT WAS COMPOSED OF FIVE DIFFERENT FACTIONS. IN ADDITION, GEN KHOURY HAD CONFRONTED SYRIANS DURING RECENT FIGHTING AND THIS HAD EMBITTERED SYRIA'S RELATIONS WITH THIM. PLO, ARAFAT SAID, WAS NOT OPPOSED TO AS MANY AS 2,000 GENDARMES IN THE AREA. SIILASVUO ALSO HAS IMPRESSION ARAFAT COMMITTED PLO TO REFRAINING FROM INFILTRATION AFTER IDF WITHDRAWS. THERE WAS POSSIBILITY PLO WOULD CONSIDER UN OBSERVATION POST ON BEAUFORT CASTLE.

6. ALTHOUGH EITAN DID NOT POSE CONDITIONS FOR EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL FROM BUFFER ZONE, SIILASVUO GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT SOME ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD CONVERT THE "GOOD FENCE" INTO AN OPEN BORDER WOULD BE REQUIRED. LAST PARAGRAPH OF HIS REPORT TO SYG (JERUSALEM 1132) SETS OUT HIS IMPRESSION IN THIS REGARD INCLUDING REACTIVATION OF ILMAC. WALDHEIM HAD REACTED NEGATIVELY TO THIS PARAGRAPH BUT SIILASVUO COMMENTED SOME KIND OF DE FACTO ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND.
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